

TIOGA HERITAGE PARK & MUSEUM

Board of Directors

Meeting of May 16, 2013

The Board of the Tioga Heritage Park and Museum met May 16, 2013 at the museum with the following present:

Jimmie Lewis	John DuFour
Sandra Bracknell	Carolyn Hataway
Melvyn Bowie	Betty Longino
Mary Durusau, Secretary of State's office	

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Mrs. Lewis.

The minutes were read and approved. Motion to accept was made by Mr. DuFour, seconded by Ms. Bracknell. All approved.

Mrs. Durusau was welcomed by the board.

We were asked to consider moving the meeting date or the time so Mrs. Durusau would be able to attend more often.

Events at the museum:

- Trade Days in April
- Baby Shower
- Wedding
- Quilt Display
- Pokeno group meeting
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Attendance at the museum this past 4 weeks was 367.

Inmate Work

- 1) General cleanup (excellent job)
- 2) Mulch put out
- 3) Put the boards on the fence
- 4) Raked dirt under the red barn
- 5) Replaced rotten board on the handicap ramp

PVC pipe needed for the quilt display.

Mrs. Lewis would like to have a car show at the museum and will contact Mr. Keith Poteet about the project. Some music would help the attraction.

Baton Rouge News:

1. The Legislation session ends June 6.
2. Budget money found for the new museum.

3. Available money for other museums is questionable.
4. A roofer was sent by the state to check the museum roof. Some wood has rotted and new screws are needed. Cost is about \$22,000. Funding is still questionable.
5. \$74,000 approval for the train fund. Red River Valley Group from Shreveport, Louisiana is a resource group to help. A window needs replacing in the caboose. There is concern and questions about the wood structure for the deck to the train. Looking at other materials that may be longer lasting.

Marker flags are up for the walking trail. Mr. Kevin Bordelon is to do the job very soon.

The red building is looking good.

The post office boxes need to be moved to a larger area, possibly near the front of the building.

The T.V. needs to be in an area with seating, possibly in the meeting room.

The Civil War boats in our showcase will be gone at some point in 2014 and we need to be on the look-out for new items to display.

Mrs. Durusau advised the board to set a collection policy and hone in on Tioga, Ball, Lee Heights and railroad history. Also a time period for collected items is essential.

The culvert work is still ahead. Too much rain has kept the project from progressing. Once it is completed, the bush hog work can be done.

A set of Civil War history books has been donated. Mr. Doug Harrison can possibly tell us how to preserve these old books.

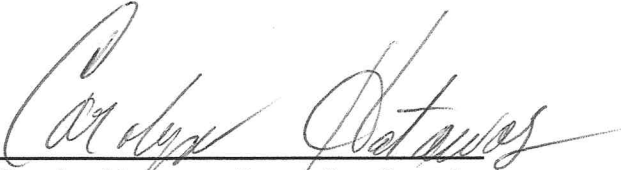
Mrs. Dawn Abraham is coming to see the museum and possibly get another quilt to display along with the Bi-centennial quilt. Other local clubs have been contacted to see if they have any quilts to display.

The shot-gun house is still being considered; however, Mrs. Durusau stated museum money is cut often and other priorities will come before the shot-gun house. Liability issues are also at stake, and she finds it hard for one person to be responsible for all exhibits. These issues will be addressed at a later date.

Ms. Caitlyn Thomas, an L.C. student, will start volunteering at the museum soon.

The old restrooms are not flushing because the old septic tank is full. The plumbing company recommends hooking those restrooms up to the new septic tank and filling in the old tank according to plumbing standards.

Meeting was adjourned.


Carolyn Hataway, Recording Secretary

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